MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

April 29, 2010  9:00 a.m.  Room 352 State Capitol Building

The Chair called the meeting to order.

Present were: Reps. Byrnes, Kandrevas, Donigan, Geiss, Griffin, Haugh, Leland, Nerat, Roy Schmidt, Young, Opsommer, Bolger, DeShazor, Knollenberg, Pearce, Wayne Schmidt,

Absent was: Rep. Paul Scott.

Rep. Geiss moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held April 22, 2010. The motion prevailed.

Chair Byrnes laid before the Committee HB 4961 - Gonzales - Transportation; other; public-private partnerships; create.

Chair Byrnes recognized the following people who testified in support of HB 4961.

Patrick Gleason representing the Michigan Building Trades
Sarah Hubbard representing the Detroit Regional Chamber
William Cook representing Chrysler Group LLC
Charlie Pryde representing Ford Motor Company
Bill Storves representing Ford Motor Company
David Miller representing Conway, Inc.
Shelli Weisberg representing the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan
Thomas Cervenak representing People's Community Service/Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition
David Bradley representing the Canadian Business Coalition
Karen Rendama representing the Canadian Business Coalition
Doug Switzer representing the Canadian Business Coalition
Debra Williams representing the Southwest Detroit Community Benefits Coalition

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of HB 4961 and wanted to testify but had left the meeting when Chair Byrnes read his testimony card.

John Nagy representing himself
Chair Byrnes recognized Governor Jennifer M. Granholm who read a letter she had just received from John Baird, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, Ottawa, Canada concerning the Detroit River International Crossing. The letter stated that Canada would increase its financial participation up to a maximum of $550,000,000 US dollars for the project. (A copy of the letter is attached to the minutes.)

Chair Byrnes recognized the following people who testified to a neutral position on HB 4961.

Michael Keller representing the AFL-CIO  
Rep. Paul Opsommer representing the 93rd House of Representative State of Michigan District

Chair Byrnes recognized the following person who testified in opposition to HB 4961.

Cynthia Paul representing the Service Employees International Union

Chair Byrnes recognized Kirk Steudle, Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation for a presentation to discuss information and proposals to the Legislature as required by Section 384 of Public Act 116 of 2009. (A copy is attached to the minutes)

Director Steudle answered questions by members of the Committee on Transportation.

The following people filled out testimony cards in support of HB 4961 but did not want to testify.

David Chenault representing Parsons Brinckerhoff of Michigan  
Kenneth Cole representing the City of Detroit/Mayor Dave Bing  
Mike Johnson representing the Michigan Manufacturers Association  
Donald Stypula representing Grand Valley Metro Council  
Sean Kelly representing The Mannik & Smith Group  
Bret Marr representing Oakland County Executive Brooks Patterson  
Charlie DeVries representing Automation Alley  
Delaney Newberry representing LMS North America, ESI North America and Wilcox Professional Services  
Joe Sproles representing Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers  
Chris Hackbarth representing the Michigan Municipal League  
Greg Powell representing the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers  
Michael Newman representing the Michigan Aggregates Association  
Ron Brenke representing the American Council of Engineering Companies  
James Hamric representing Ironworkers Local 25
Chair Byrnes recognized Rep. Opsommer who withdrew substitute H-1 to HB 4961, without objection.

Rep. Kandrevas moved to adopt substitute H-3 to HB 4961. The motion prevailed, the vote being 12-0-5.

FAVORABLE ROLL Call:

Yeas: Reps. Byrnes, Kandrevas, Donigan, Geiss, Griffin, Haugh, Leland, Nerat, Roy Schmidt, Opsommer, Pearce, Wayne Schmidt,

Nays: None,

Pass: Reps. Young, DeShazor, Knollenberg,

Rep. Knollenberg moved to amend HB 4961, substitute H-3 as follows:

1. Amend page 11, after line 27, by inserting:
" (10) THIS ACT DOES NOT AUTHORIZE A PUBLIC AGENCY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE BETWEEN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND WINDSOR, ONTARIO. A NEW INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE BETWEEN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND WINDSOR, ONTARIO, IS NOT A TRANSPORTATION FACILITY UNDER THIS ACT.".

Rep. Knollenberg moved to withdraw the amendment, without objection.

Rep. Geiss moved to report out HB 4961, substitute H-3 with the recommendation that it pass. The motion prevailed, the vote being 9-4-4.
FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Byrnes, Kandrevas, Donigan, Geiss, Griffin, Haugh, Leland, Nerat, Roy Schmidt,

Nays: Reps. Opsommer, Bolger, Knollenberg, Wayne Schmidt,


With no further business to come before the Committee Chair Byrnes adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:55 a.m.

Representative Pam Byrnes, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk